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SUBJECT: BURMA: RANGOON QUIET AS NLD CELEBRATES ASSK'S
BIRTHDAY PRIVATELY

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¶1. (SBU) On June 19, the National League for Democracy (NLD) held a private ceremony at its Rangoon headquarters to mark the 64th birthday Aung San Suu Kyi (ASSK). NLD members and supporters attended, but - consistent with past practice - diplomats were not invited. Police observed the event, but unlike last year when several NLD members were arrested (reftel), authorities did not interfere with today's ceremony. We have received no reports of any significant gatherings or disturbances elsewhere in Rangoon.

¶2. (SBU) Also on June 19, the NLD Women's Committee released a four-page statement in Burmese commemorating ASSK's birthday, praising her contributions to her party and country, professing her innocence, and calling on the regime to release her and all political prisoners.

¶3. (SBU) We translated the Department's June 18 statement concerning ASSK's birthday and distributed it in both English and Burmese on the Embassy's website, at the American Center, and, via email, to our contacts in the media and NGO communities. In addition, we delivered copies directly to the NLD at its headquarters.

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